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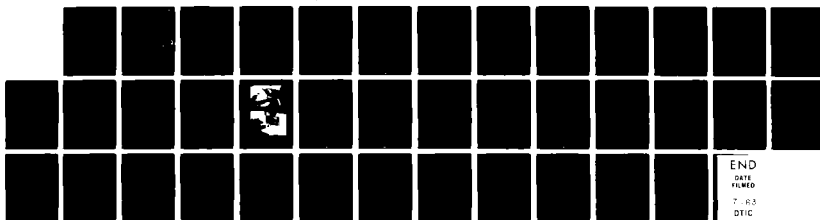
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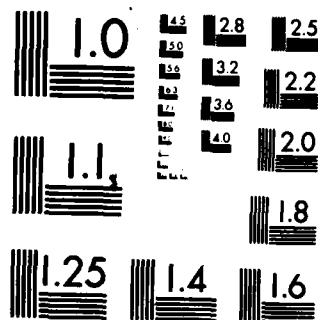
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Symbol	When You Know	Multiply by	To Find	Symbol
LENGTH				
in	inches	*2.5	centimeters	cm
ft	feet	30	centimeters	cm
yd	yards	0.9	meters	m
mi	miles	1.6	kilometers	km
AREA				
in ²	square inches	6.5	square centimeters	cm ²
ft ²	square feet	0.09	square meters	m ²
yd ²	square yards	0.8	square meters	m ²
mi ²	square miles	2.6	square kilometers	km ²
	acres	0.4	hectares	ha
MASS (weight)				
oz	ounces	28	grams	g
lb	pounds	0.45	kilograms	kg
	short tons (2,000 lb)	0.9	tonnes	t
VOLUME				
sp	teaspoons	5	milliliters	ml
Tbsp	tablespoons	15	milliliters	ml
fl oz	fluid ounces	30	milliliters	ml
c	cups	0.24	liters	l
pt	pints	0.47	liters	l
qt	quarts	0.95	liters	l
gal	gallons	3.8	liters	l
ft ³	cubic feet	0.03	cubic meters	m ³
yd ³	cubic yards	0.76	cubic meters	m ³
TEMPERATURE (used)				
°F	Fahrenheit temperature	5/9 (after subtracting 32)	Celsius temperature	°C

* 1 in. = 2.54 exactly. For other exact conversions and more detailed tables, see NBS Misc. Publ. 288, Units of Weights and Measures, Price \$2.25, SD Catalog No. C13.10-288.

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LENGTH			
millimeters	0.04	inches	in
centimeters	0.4	inches	in
meters	3.3	feet	ft
meters	1.1	yards	yd
kilometers	0.6	miles	mi
AREA			
square centimeters	0.16	square inches	in ²
square meters	1.2	square yards	yd ²
square kilometers	0.4	square miles	mi ²
hectares (10,000 m ²)	2.5	acres	
MASS (weight)			
grams	0.035	ounces	oz
kilograms	2.2	pounds	lb
tonnes (1,000 kg)	1.1	short tons	
VOLUME			
milliliters	0.03	fluid ounces	fl oz
liters	2.1	pints	pt
liters	1.06	quarts	qt
liters	0.26	gallons	gal
cubic meters	35	cubic feet	ft ³
cubic meters	1.3	cubic yards	yd ³
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INTRODUCTION

Polyurethane foam (PUF) is produced by the spontaneous and exothermic reaction between a polyol and a polyisocyanate. The reacting components are foamed by the presence of a blowing agent, generally CFC_1_3 (trichlorofluoromethane), which is vaporized by reaction exotherm. The installation of PUF as insulation in a sprayed PUF roof system is well-established, and its use is increasing. When properly formulated and applied, such a system has excellent weather (Ref 1, 2, and 3) and fire retardant properties (Ref 4, 5).

One of the primary reasons for the increasing use of PUF is its low thermal conductivity property which is one of the lowest available. Conversely, PUF's high thermal resistance is one of the highest available. Lining refrigerators almost exclusively with PUF further establishes PUF's credibility as an excellent insulating material.

When applied properly on roofs and protected with suitable elastomeric coatings, PUF roofing systems have excellent stability and weathering properties as well as low maintenance requirements. In the field, aging characteristics of the thermal conductivity have not been well established. Interest in this aspect is based on the increasing use of PUF roofing systems at Naval Shore Bases. The increased use of all types of insulation is based on the need to reduce overall consumption of energy. The aging characteristics of the thermal conductivity of PUF in such a roofing system is important in order to establish this material as a viable alternative to conventional insulation materials.

BACKGROUND

The thermal conductivity (k) of a material is a measure of the material's ability to transfer - or inhibit the transfer - of heat. The k -value is conventionally reported in $\text{Btu}/(\text{hr})(\text{ft}^2)(^\circ\text{F}/\text{in.})$ and all values for k given in this report will be listed in these units. The better a material is able to inhibit the transfer of heat, the lower is its thermal conductivity or k -value. Note that the thermal conductivity is given for 1 inch of material. The insulating ability for materials of thicknesses other than 1 inch (usually greater than 1 inch) is the thermal resistivity or R . The thermal resistivity is the reciprocal of the thermal conductivity ($1/k$) times the thickness: the higher the R -value, the better the insulation.

A literature survey revealed very little information on the thermal conductivity of sprayed PUF used in the construction industry. Some results were reported by European and Russian researchers, but these were not immediately available. Some excellent theoretical treatments and laboratory aging studies have been reported on the aging characteristics of thermal conductivity in PUF.

Norton (Ref 6) presented an excellent theoretical treatment of the change in thermal conductivity with time supported by some laboratory work. The change in thermal conductivity was addressed by considering the thermal conductivities of individual components (CFC1_3 , polymer, air) and the diffusion coefficients of the gases through the polymer (PUF). While this work was directed toward the use of PUF in refrigeration, its use as insulation is equally pertinent to foam in PUF roofing systems.

Using 2.2 pcf (pounds-per-cubic foot) density foam with all cells filled with CFC1_3 , the experimentally determined k-value was 0.100 (6).

The thermal conductivity contribution of CFC1_3 is 0.057 at 1 atmosphere and 25°C. Subtracting 0.057 from the k-value determined for PUF (0.100) gives the polymer contribution as 0.043. Taking the polymer contribution and adding it to the thermal conductivity for air (0.176) suggests that the maximum attainable k-value for this foam is 0.219. This latter value assumes complete displacement of CFC1_3 by air but no intrusion of water or water vapor.

From experimental data and application of Fick's law for diffusion of matter in solids and the Fourier equation upon which Fick's law is based, Norton in Reference 6 determined the diffusion constants for CFC1_3 , nitrogen, and oxygen to be 2.25×10^{-7} , 6.27×10^{-8} and 1.12×10^{-7} cm^2/sec , respectively.

With these values, Norton predicted that it would require 50 years for a 12x12x1-inch PUF sample to reach its maximum (air-filled only) thermal conductivity and 200 years for a 12x12x2-inch PUF sample to reach its maximum. At 50 years, the predicted k-value for the 2-inch-thick PUF is 0.19. These predictions were for a 2.2-pcf-density PUF, 12x12 inches and 1 or 2 inches thick, all sides exposed to the air at 25°C (77°F) and without the intrusion of water or water vapor.

In Reference 7, Ball, Hurd, and Walker compared existing and new aging data with Norton's theoretical treatment of the change in thermal conductivity with time. The experimental results agreed remarkably well with the theoretical. Based on their experiments, Ball et al. also predicted that the maximum thermal conductivity of the PUF aged at room temperature would be achieved after approximately 100 to 200 years. It should be emphasized that all of the predicted values are based on aging under ambient laboratory conditions with no consideration given to the effects of exposure to exterior weather conditions.

SCOPE OF WORK

The objective of this work was to evaluate samples of sprayed PUF roofing systems that had been exposed to various climatic conditions for varying periods of time. Particular emphasis was placed on obtaining roof samples that were 5 or more years of age. This was done in order to collect data on the thermal conductivity of materials that have undergone long-term aging under actual field conditions. The disadvantage of such an approach is that it is not always possible to obtain all pertinent data such as coating or foam types, manufacturer, installation date, or conditions. In spite of this, sufficient data were generally obtained on each sample to make the thermal conductivity data useful.

Aged PUF roof samples were obtained from roofs at: (1) the Naval Reserve Center, Clifton, New Jersey; (2) the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, Colorado (one sample from a roof; other samples were from foam roofing that had been sprayed on concrete panels cast on the ground); (3) Naval Station, Guam, Marianas Islands; (4) Naval Base, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines; and (5) Naval Civil Engineering Laboratory (NCEL), Port Hueneme, California. In each case, an attempt was made to obtain samples at least 1 foot square in size (Figure 1). However, on occasion, the adhesion of the PUF to the roof deck was so great that it was not possible to obtain this size without some breakage. Once the sample was cut and pried from the roof, it was wrapped in a plastic bag to prevent any loss or gain of moisture, if present, and shipped to NCEL for testing. The samples ranged in age from 1 to 11 years.

EXPERIMENTAL

Once the samples were received at NCEL, they were prepared for testing and their thermal conductivity determined as soon as possible. Sample preparation consisted of squaring the edges and top and bottom surfaces with a band saw. It was necessary to have the top and bottom surfaces flat and parallel. A belt sander was used to achieve this requirement after cutting. The thermal conductivity of the prepared samples was determined using a thermal conductivity analyzer, Model 88 from Anacon, Inc. (Figure 2). Each time k-values were determined, the Model 88 was calibrated using a National Bureau of Standards fiberglass insulation standard. The Model 88 accepts samples from 4 x 4 inches to 8 x 8 in., square or rectangular, and 0.62 to 2.20 inches thick. By definition, the k-value is for a sample 1 inch thick, and the Model 88 automatically determines the k-value for a 1 inch thick sample.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Test results are presented in Table 1 and are grouped according to geographical location. The sprayed foam roof samples tested were coated with various generic types of coating systems. In addition, part of the coating systems were permeable or "breathing." Permeable coatings allow more rapid diffusion of water vapor or air through the coating system. Impermeable coatings are vapor retarders which, as the name implies, may severely retard but do not prevent the diffusion of water vapor or air through the coating.

Permeability of coatings is generally determined in accordance with ASTM standard method E-96. The unit of permeability (or permance) is 1 perm-inch (or 1 perm) which is equivalent to 1 gr/hr x ft² inches of mercury inches of thickness (or 1 perm is equivalent to 1 gr/hr x ft² inches of mercury). Within the industry, an arbitrary cutoff point has been established as 1 perm. With this arbitrary standard, coating systems having a perm rating >1 are considered permeable while those with perm ratings <1 are considered impermeable.

The first set of results listed in Table 1 are for samples obtained from the Clifton, New Jersey, test site. These roofs were sprayed in October 1973, and the samples taken in October 1978. All of these are CPR Upjohn's #485-2 PUF, 2-pound density, with good small cell structure.

The lowest two readings are from foams coated with a permeable over an impermeable coating. These samples - 4b and 5a - have a total coating thickness of 45 mils ($k = 0.139$) and 10 mils ($k = 0.138$), respectively.

The highest three samples are 2a, 2b, and 1a and are coated with permeable coatings. For 2a, 2b, and 1a, respectively, the total coating thicknesses are 7 mils ($k = 0.172$), 20 mils ($k = 0.176$), and 20 mils ($k = 0.178$).

Except for 3a, all foam samples from this area that were coated with an impermeable coating have lower, therefore, better k -values than those coated with a permeable coating. All of the samples are 5 years old and were approximately 2 inches thick on the roof. The predicted 5-year k -value for a 2.2-pcf-density PUF, 12 x 12 x 2-inch slab, aged at 25°C (77°F) is 0.148 (Ref 6). From Table 2, the overall average k -value of these samples is 0.158 which is closer to the predicted k -value of 0.158 for a 12 x 12 x 1-inch slab. However, the k -value for the samples with an impermeable coating averages 0.146, and those with a permeable coating average 0.170. This shows a strong correlation between samples with impermeable coatings aged at Clifton, New Jersey, and samples without coatings aged under controlled laboratory conditions.

The perm ratings of permeable coatings (2 to 3 perms) is close to, or equivalent to, that of PUF (approximately 2 perms). A permeable coating allows the foam to breathe and release excessive water vapor. Impermeable coatings (perm ratings <1) retard the entrance or release of excessive water vapor and to some extent retard the passage of air as well. Excessive moisture could also be liquid water that has intruded through breaks in the coating. Water vapor or air, once past the coating, would diffuse at a faster rate into the foam (low concentration of air and water) rather than back out into the atmosphere (high concentration of air and water). The diffusion rate could be increased by the presence of a strong "moisture drive."

A moisture drive exists when there are warm temperatures and high humidity on one side of a partition or roof and cooler temperatures with lower humidity on the other. This effectively "drives" or forces moisture from the warmer side to the cooler side in an effort to equilibrate. Moisture drives exist in areas such as the South Pacific and Eastern Seaboard where buildings are generally air conditioned during warm weather.

The climatic conditions in Clifton can vary from around 38°C (100°F) and 70% relative humidity to 10°C (50°F) and 50% relative humidity daily in the summer and from around 18°C (65°F) and 70% relative humidity to -18°C (0°F) and 50% relative humidity daily in the winter.

Because of the moisture drive in this area, permeable coatings would allow the k -value of PUF to increase at a greater rate than those with impermeable coatings. Due to the greater rate at which water vapor and air pass through the permeable coating, the k -value of the PUF would tend to increase more rapidly than with an impermeable coating and results bear this out.

In areas with a moisture drive, results indicate that an impermeable coating may help keep the k -value from increasing faster than that found under controlled laboratory conditions. Results also show that, in spite of the harsher conditions found at Clifton, the k -values of PUF with impermeable coatings agree very well with those predicted for PUF aged at 25°C under controlled atmospheric conditions.

The next set of results listed in Table 1 is for samples of Systems 6 through 12 and was obtained from the Denver, Colorado, test site. Sample 12 was sprayed on a roof deck while the rest were sprayed over concrete panels located on the ground; Samples 6 and 7 are about 10-1/2 years old and have a good small cell structure. Samples 8 and 9 are almost 10 years old (9-3/4) and in general show a good small cell structure; Sample 8 appears to have been exposed for a few days before being coated (the coating easily peeled off and the surface was sun burnt) while Sample 9 has a 1/4-inch-deep gouge in the center of the sample. Samples 10 and 11 are about 4 years old (4-1/3) with a rather coarse and large cell structure. At least 50% of the cells are larger than a pinhead and perhaps 10% to 20% are twice that size with a small percentage (less than 10%) of small cells. Sample 12 is about 6-1/2 years old with about 10% large cells and more than 50% small cells.

The two lowest thermal conductivity readings are from Samples 8 and 9; Sample 8 ($k = 0.170$) was coated with 15 mils of a permeable coating and Sample 9 ($k = 0.169$) was coated with 7 mils of an impermeable coating. Both are almost 10 years old. Sample 9 has an extremely irregular surface with the coating degrading and exposing the foam. If a coating, especially an impermeable one, is to be effective, it must cover the foam surface entirely and be applied at the proper thickness; 7 mils is only about one-third the minimum acceptable thickness. This and the gouge in the surface of Sample 9 may explain the similar k -values of Samples 8 and 9.

The k -values of the rest of the samples range from approximately 0.19 to 0.20. The disparity of these values with the age of the samples may be explained by the lack of proper thickness in the coatings, by larger cell structures, and by the fact that the concrete slab on which the foam was applied was directly on the ground. This may have contributed to more rapid diffusion of moisture vapor into the foam. In comparing the foam characteristics and the k -value of Sample 9 to that of Samples 10, 11, and 12, the only apparent difference that could make the k -value of Sample 9 lower is the cell structure. The difference is even more apparent when Sample 8 is compared with Sample 9.

The next set of results listed in Table 1 was obtained from roof samples at Subic Bay in the Philippines and from Guam. These samples illustrate some adverse effects on PUF roofs caused by poor application of either the PUF, the coatings, or both.

The first three samples (13 to 15, which had k -values = 0.18 to 0.19) were coated with an exterior house paint, not a coating formulated for protecting PUF or even for use on roofs. The samples are about 6 years old. They show signs of severe checking and cracking with about 10% to 20% of the coating flaking from the foam surface; the paint is also very brittle. Samples 13 and 15 appear to have been applied over a wet surface as indicated by the poor quality of foam surface adjacent to the deck.

Sample 16 was coated with 10 mils of a permeable coating and is approximately 4 years old. The bottom of the foam adjacent to the roof deck was wet, and the coating was alligatoring in low spots but was continuous over a rough foam surface. The coating was, therefore, still protecting the foam from the sun and intrusion of water; the k -value of the foam was about 0.16.

Sample 17 was in good condition and was about 5 years old. It has the same coating as on Sample 16; the foam has a k -value of 0.17.

Internally, beyond both surfaces, these samples had a good cellular structure. This may have been fortuitous since all of the k-values are less than 0.20. These roofs will probably continue to render fairly good insulating service.

Sample 18 from Guam is coated with an asphalt-based coating of unknown permeability. The system was about 5 years of age with a badly deteriorated surface and some patching of the coating.

Sample 19 from Guam was taken from a PUF roof that had been maintained, (i.e., a second layer of foam was sprayed over an existing PUF roof in which both the coating and the foam had degraded). The original coating over the foam was a paint (not meant for roof surfacing) while the second layer or new foam had a permeable silicone coating. No k-value could be determined for the first (bottom) foam layer because of its small size. The second layer had a value of nearly 0.26. This higher k-value may have been due in part to entrapped moisture in the first layer migrating into the second. However, the most significant cause for this higher k-value may be the poor foam cell structure. Approximately 50% of the sample had large (1/8 to 1/2 inch across) cells or voids while the remainder had normal, uniform, small cells.

Sample 20a from Guam was 10 years old, had a good cell structure, and a reasonably good k-value. The surface had been maintained (i.e., a second coating applied after the original coating had degraded somewhat).

The last set of results listed in Table 1 are for samples obtained from roofs at NCEL, Port Hueneme, California. All of the buildings are north and south except for a flat roof where Sample 29a was taken. All samples were cut in July 1981. For ease of discussion, the samples are relisted in Table 3 in order of increasing k-value.

Considering Samples 21b, 21a₁, and 21a₂, 28b, and 28a as 5-year-old samples, the overall average k-value is 0.139 ± 0.010 and the average thickness is 2.20 ± 0.21 inches. The average k-value of the two 2-inch samples is 0.146 ± 0.013 . Reference 6 indicated that the 5-year predicted k-value for a 2.2 pcf density foam, 12 x 12 x 2 inches, aged under controlled conditions is 0.148. The experimental results agree very well with the predicted values (see Tables 4 and 5).

All the 7-year-old samples with impermeable coatings have an average k-value and thickness of 0.159 and 1.75 inches, respectively; with permeable coatings it is 0.170 and 1.69 inches respectively. Overall it is 0.164 and 1.72 inches, respectively.

Interpolating the 5- and 10- year predicted k-values to a 7-year sample, the k-values are 0.165 and 0.150 for a 1- and a 2-inch-thick 12x12-inch slab, respectively (Ref 6). The overall average k-value for the 7-year samples ($k = 0.164 \pm 0.020$) at NCEL agrees more closely with the predicted 1-inch-thick sample value. The samples with an impermeable coating are only slightly lower ($k = 0.159 \pm 0.018$). Taking only the 2-inch-thick 7-year-old-samples into consideration, the average k-value for samples with an impermeable coating is 0.144 ± 0.004 , and for those with a permeable coating the k-value is 0.148 ± 0.012 . These latter values agree very well with the predicted value of 0.150 for a 2 inch thick sample and indicate that thickness plays a significant role in the thermal conductivity aging characteristics of PUF.

The climatic conditions at NCEL can vary from about 35°C (95°F) to 7°C (45°F) daily in the summer and from around 25°C (77°F) to 1°C (34°F) in the winter. The average relative humidity percentage remains fairly

constant at approximately 70% due to the proximity of the ocean. The relative humidity percentage can vary from a low of about 60% to a high of about 80%. Lows of 15% to 20% relative humidity are infrequent and occur on days when hot, dry winds blow through the area.

The basic function of all coatings used on PUF is to protect the foam from sunlight (especially ultraviolet light), moisture, and consequent degradation. The permeable and impermeable coatings are rated on their ability to keep water vapor from passing through the coating film.

The k-value of water vapor at 25°C (77°F) and 1 atmosphere is 0.123, and for liquid water is 4.20.* The k-value at the same conditions for air is 0.176, that for CFCl_3 is 0.057, and polymer can be taken to be 0.043 to 0.061 for a foam 2.0 to 3.0-lb/cu ft density respectively. With these values it is seen that foam filled with air (theoretical maximum k-value = 0.219 to 0.237) will have a higher k-value than if filled with water vapor only (theoretical maximum k-value = 0.166 to 0.184). In areas where a moisture drive might exist, results indicate that an impermeable coating may be better than a permeable coating.

At NCEL Port Hueneme, there is no strong evidence to indicate that impermeable coatings are much better than permeable coatings in keeping the k-value of PUF low with aging. Also, the climatic conditions at Port Hueneme are not as harsh or as severe as those found at Clifton. This suggests that the permeability of the coatings may not be a significant factor in the aging of thermal conductivity in PUF in areas such as Port Hueneme or where a moisture drive might not exist or be very strong.

Since the k-values of aged samples are fairly close to predicted values, this implies a predictability of the thermal conductivity of PUF in spite of varying temperatures and climates.

In Table 6 all samples are listed according to increasing k-value. With one exception, all samples had k-values < 0.20 . The exception was a poor quality foam exhibiting large voids in the cellular structure. In Table 2, the average for all samples is shown to be 0.163 ± 0.022 . In Reference 9 a k-value equal to 0.16 has been established as a design value for a 1.5 pcf density PUF. The experimental values given in this report provide a firm basis for the use of 0.16 as a design k-value for 2.0 to 3.0 lb/cu ft density PUF. The experimental values also show that, even though the k-value does decay, PUF remains equal to or better than the next best material, extruded Styrofoam, which maintains a k-value of 0.20 (Ref 10).

The overall PUF and coating quality was found to be best in the NCEL and Clifton samples, followed by the Denver samples and, finally, the Guam and Subic Bay samples. From the standpoint of temperature fluctuations, the harshest environments would be those found at Clifton and Denver followed by NCEL, then Guam and Subic Bay.

A point borne out by Table 6 is that all samples below $k = 0.164$, except for one from Subic Bay, are from NCEL or Clifton. This may in part be due to the better foam quality and in part to the samples being cut from PUF sprayed on roofs rather than on panels as at Denver.

*Interpolated and converted from $\text{Cal}/(\text{sec})(\text{cm}^2)(^\circ\text{C}/\text{cm})$ values given in Reference 8 by dividing by 3.445×10^{-4} . The conversion factor given in Reference 6 can also be multiplied by the conversion factor given in Reference 8 if results are also multiplied by 12 to convert from $^\circ\text{F}/\text{ft}$ to $^\circ\text{F}/\text{in}$.

It is also noticed that most of the samples below 0.164 from Clifton have an impermeable coating. Comparing the averages of the samples from NCEL and Clifton in Table 2, the samples with permeable coatings from NCEL ($k = 0.153$) have a significantly better k -value than those from Clifton ($k = 0.170$). The samples with impermeable coatings are about the same when age is considered and when compared to the predicted values (Ref 6) for a PUF aged at 25°C (77°F). This indicates that impermeable coatings help to maintain a low thermal conductivity in PUF and even keep the aging to a point similar to that where the permeability of the coating does not play a significant role. Comparison of the NCEL and Clifton averages suggests again that impermeable coatings may be better than permeable coatings where a moisture drive exists; in other areas where a strong moisture drive does not exist, they may not exhibit a significant effect on the aging of the thermal conductivity. Figure 3 compares graphically the k -values reported here according to age and coating type (permeable or impermeable).

A comparison of the averages of the Clifton and the 7-year-old NCEL samples to those predicted values in Reference 6 show good agreement between those samples with impermeable coatings and the 2-inch-thick predicted samples. This suggests that the k -value for PUF roofing systems in the field may be predicted for those with impermeable coatings. For PUF roofing systems with permeable coatings in areas such as Clifton, k -values may be predicted by adding 0.03 to those predicted for PUF with impermeable coatings. In areas such as NCEL Port Hueneme, predicted k -values for systems with impermeable coatings may be used for systems with permeable coatings.

This predictability implies that varying climatic conditions may not be significant if the PUF is properly coated with an impermeable coating. This is in spite of the large daily and yearly changes in temperature, humidity, rain, snow, or other weather conditions to which the PUF roofing systems may be subjected.

Factors not specifically considered which may play a part in the thermal conductivity aging characteristics are foam thickness, percentage of open cells, cell structure and size, foam density, cell orientation, and surface skins.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The following findings and conclusions are presented on the basis of the data contained in the report on the thermal conductivity of PUF roofing specimens aged from 1 to 10-1/2 years.

1. Impermeable coatings help to maintain a low thermal conductivity factor in PUF better than permeable coatings. In areas where a strong moisture drive exists, this becomes even more pronounced. In areas where a moisture drive does not exist or is weak, the effect on aging by the type of coating used appears insignificant.

2. Good agreement exists between PUF samples aged in the field under harsh climatic conditions with an impermeable coating and predicted k-values for PUF samples with no coating aged in the laboratory at 25°C (77°F) under controlled atmospheric conditions. This implies a predictability to the life of a PUF system in the field if the foam and coating are properly applied and maintain^d.

Another major factor in maintaining a low thermal conductivity with time is the thickness; i.e., the thicker the PUF, the longer it takes for the thermal conductivity to increase. This is also noted in the predicted values for 2-inch and 1-inch-thick 12x12-inch slabs Reference 6. The predicted time for the 2-inch-thick sample to reach its theoretical maximum is approximately 200 years, and for the 1-inch-thick sample it is approximately 50 years. Even though the 2-inch sample is only twice as thick as the 1-inch sample, it may require four times as long to achieve its maximum. This is, of course, theoretical at this time.

3. A k-value of 0.16 may be established as a design value for 2.0- to 3.0-pcf-density PUF.

4. In spite of poor application and maintenance, it has been shown that a PUF roofing system can still provide good service with respect to k-value decay. However, such decay occurs more rapidly with foam roof systems that are improperly applied and maintained, than with those that are properly applied and maintained.

5. In spite of the decay in k-value, PUF is equal to or better than the next best material (extruded Styrofoam[®]) for maintaining a low k-value.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Polyurethane foam should be applied to achieve a uniform small cell structure and as smooth a surface texture as possible in order to obtain the best thermal conductivity properties.

2. A coating should be used that has been formulated for protecting PUF from the sunlight and weather. Where a significant moisture drive exists, an impermeable coating is recommended.

3. Protective coatings should be applied to their proper minimum film thickness (generally manufacturer's recommended thickness). A thin coating thickness may result in premature exposure of the foam to the sun and degradation and the possible intrusion of water.

4. In harsh environments it is even more important to maintain the coating in the PUF system at the proper minimum film thickness.

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Figure 1. Taking a PUF sample from a roof.



Figure 2. Determining thermal conductivity on the Model 88 Thermal Conductivity Analyzer from Anacon, Inc.

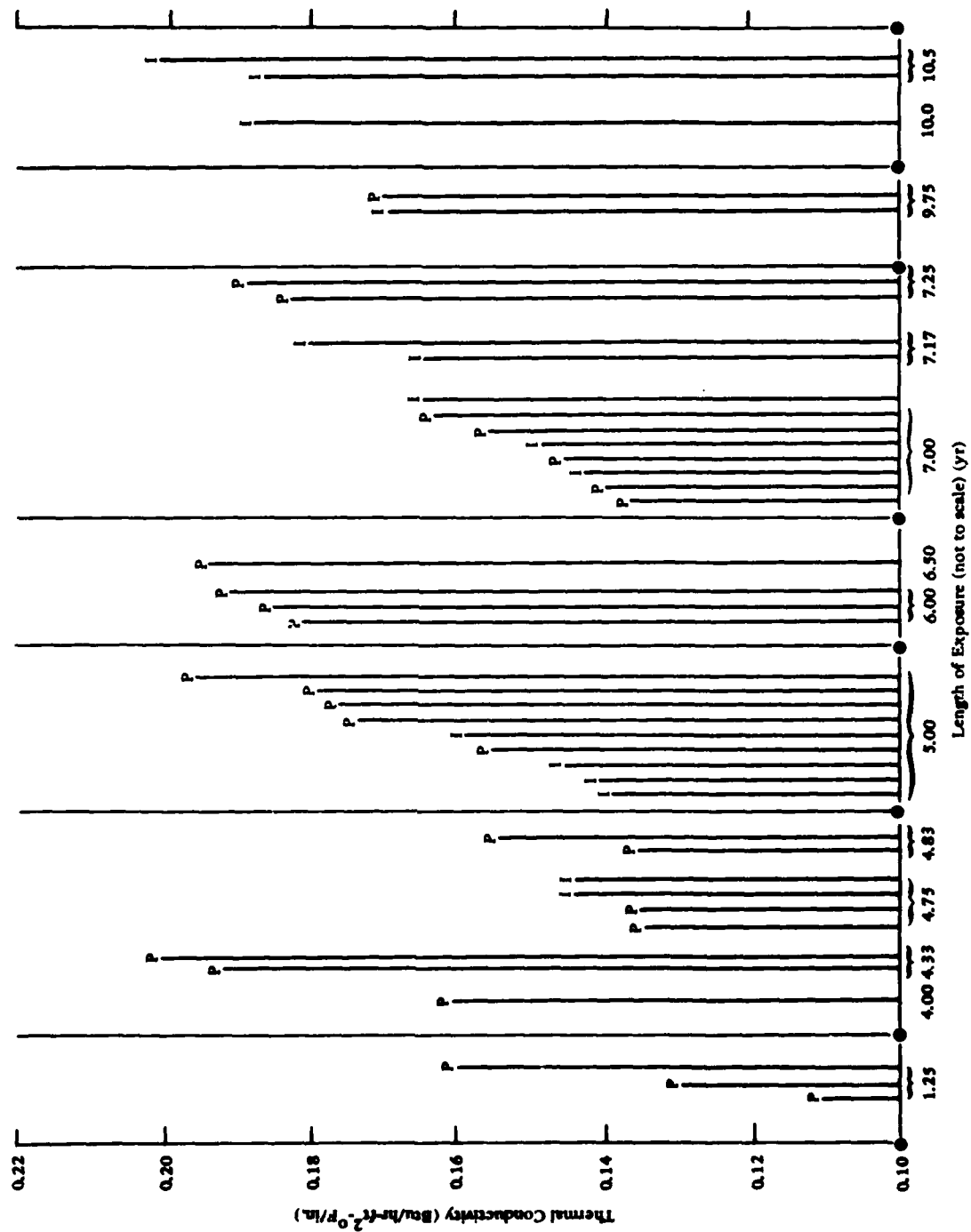


Figure 3. Comparison of retained k-value on the basis of coating type (permeable versus impermeable).

Table 1. Thermal Conductivity (k) of Polyurethane Foam Samples From Weathered PUF Roof Systems

Sample No.	Roof Coating/Foam Description System	Age (yr)	Foam Density (pcf) and Quality	Coating Thickness (mils) ^b				Foam Thickness (in.)		Thermal Conductivity (Btu/hr-ft ² -°f/in.)		Comments
				First Coat	Second Coat	Third Coat	Total	Roof (Avg)	Sample	Individual Sample	Average	
Samples from Clifton Test Roofs ^c												
1a ₁	General Electric Silicone with Granules/CPR Upjohn 480-2.0	5	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	10 (P)	10 (P)	--	20 (P)	2.0	1.32	0.181	0.178	Coating and foam in good condition
1a ₂		5	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	10 (P)	10 (P)	--	20 (P)	2.0	1.46	0.175		
1b ₁	General Electric Silicone w/o Granules/CPR Upjohn 480-2.0	5	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	15 (P)	5 (P)	--	20 (P)	2.0	1.37	0.156	0.156	Coating and foam in good condition
1b ₂		5	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	15 (P)	5 (P)	--	20 (P)	2.0	1.35	0.156		
2a ₁	Dow Corning Silicone/CPR Upjohn 480-2.0	5	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	7 (P)	--	--	7 (P)	1.75	1.09	0.181	0.175	Coating very thin but foam in good condition
2a ₂		5	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	7 (P)	--	--	7 (P)	1.75	1.09	0.169		
2b ₁	Dow Corning Silicone/CPR Upjohn 480-2.0	5	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	10 (P)	10 (P)	--	20 (P)	2.25	1.57	0.188	0.1755	Coating and foam in good condition.
2b ₂		5	2.0/good, uniform cell structures	10 (P)	10 (P)	--	20 (P)	2.25	1.58	0.171		
3a ₁	U.S. Polymeric Butyl-Hypalon base + Dow Corning Silicone w/granules topcoat/CPR Upjohn 480-2.0	5	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	10 (I)	--	5 (I)	15 (I)	2.25	1.42	0.160	0.1575	Butyl-Hypalon damaged by hail and overcoated with Dow Corning silicone. Silicone did not bridge cracks in Butyl-Hypalon. Most of Hypalon coating flaked from Butyl before silicone applied.
3a ₂		5	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	10 (I)	--	5 (P)	15 (I)	2.25	1.58	0.155		

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Table 1. Continued

Sample No.	Roof Coating/Foam Description System	Age (yr)	Foam Density (pcf) and Quality	Coating Thickness (mils) ^b					Foam Thickness (in.)		Thermal Conductivity (Btu/hr-ft ² -°F/in.)		Comments
				First Coat	Second Coat	Third Coat	Total	Roof (Avg)	Sample	Individual Sample	Average		
4a ₁	Monolar Mastic Base + Carboline Rooflex 145/155 topcoat/CPR Upjohn 480-2.0	5	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	15 (I)	20 (P)	20 (P)	55 (I)	2.0	1.37	0.148	0.147	Monolar damaged by hail and overcoated with Rooflex. Rooflex bridged cracks in monolar but exhibited pinholes through coating to foam. Foam in good condition.	
4a ₂		5	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	15 (I)	20 (P)	20 (P)	55 (I)	2.0	1.37	0.146			
4b ₁	Monolar Mastic Base + Carboline Rooflex 145/155 topcoat/CPR Upjohn 480-2.0	5	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	20 (I)	10 (P)	15 (P)	45 (I)	2.25	1.50	0.143	0.139	Monolar damaged by hail and overcoated with Rooflex. Rooflex bridged cracks in monolar but exhibited pinholes through coating to foam. Foam in good condition.	
4b ₂		5	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	20 (I)	10 (P)	15 (P)	45 (I)	2.25	1.48	0.135			
5a ₁	United Coatings Butyl-Hypalon Base + Irathane 300/394 w/granules/CPR Upjohn 480-2.0	5	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	5 (I)	--	10 (P)	15 (I)	2.25	1.51	0.144	0.1405	Butyl-Hypalon damaged by hail and overcoated with Irathane and granules. Irathane did not bridge cracks in Butyl-Hypalon. Foam in good condition.	
5a ₂		5	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	5 (I)	--	10 (P)	15 (I)	2.25	1.48	0.137			
Samples from U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, Colorado													
6	General Electric Silicone/PPG Foam	10-1/2	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	12 (P)	--	--	12 (P)	1.50 (P)	1.12	0.202			
7	United Butyl-Hypalon/PPG Foam	10-1/2	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	3 (I)	--	--	3 (I)	1.50 (I)	1.08	0.191			Coating extremely thin because of chalking and corrosion. Damaged by hail. Foam has been exposed to weather.
8	Dow Corning Silicone/North American Foam	9-3/4	2.0/good cell structure, irregular surfaces, top sunburnt	15 (P)	--	--	15 (P)	2.00 (P)	1.57	0.170			Foam beneath surface has deteriorated. Irregular surface.

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Table 1. Continued

Sample No.	Roof Coating/Foam Description System	Age (yr)	foam Density (pcf) and Quality	Coating Thickness (mils) ^b					Foam Thickness (in.)		Thermal Conductivity (Btu/hr-ft ² -°g/in.)		Comments
				First Coat	Second Coat	Third Coat	Total	Roof (Avg)	Sample	Individual Sample	Average		
9	Gaco-SBR base Hypalon topcoat/North American Foam	9-3/4	2.0/good cell structure, some larger holes (~10%)	2 (I)	5 (I)	--	7 (I)	1.50	1.15	0.169		Coating thin because of chalking and erosion. Extremely irregular surface, coating cratered and foam exposed.	
10	Dow Corning Silicone/United Foam	4-1/3	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	10 (P)	10 (P)	--	20 (P)	2.00	1.54	0.189			
11	Carboline Rooflex/United Foam	4-1/3	2.0/good, uniform cell structure, ~10% medium holes	150 (P)	20 (P)	5 (P)	175 (P)	2.00	1.56	0.198		Coating excessively thick	
12	General Electric Silicone/Witco Foam	6-1/2	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	10 (P)	10 (P)	--	20 (P)	2.25	1.67	0.194		Sample from roof deck	
Samples from U.S. Naval Base, Subic Bay, R.P.													
13	TT-P-19 Latex paint/ (foam type unknown)	6	unknown/foam quality fair, irregular cell structure: 10%-20% large cells	15 (P)	--	--	15 (P)	1.25	0.77	0.186		Coating checking, cracking, and flaking. Approximately 10% flaked off. Coating brittle. Sample from Ship Repair Facility (SRF) roof.	
14	TT-P-19 Latex paint/ (foam type unknown)	6	unknown, fairly uniform cell structure ~10% large cells	15 (P)	--	--	15 (P)	1.25	0.65	0.182		Coating checking, cracking, and flaking severely. Sample from Ship Repair Facility (SRF) roof.	
15	TT-P-19 Latex paint/ (foam type unknown)	6	unknown, fair cell structure, foam applied over wet surface 20%-30% large cells	--	--	--	-- (P)	1.75	1.26	0.189		Coating badly deteriorated. Appears to have aluminum asphalt patch over poor coating. No coating thickness determined. Irregular sample from SRF roof.	
16a ₁	Gaco A-5400 acrylic/ Foam Systems FSC 26 Foam	4	2.0/good, uniform cell structure. Foam wet on one surface corner	10 (P)	--	--	10 (P)	2.00	1.37	0.168		Coating applied over rough surface and is alligatoring in low spots. Coating is continuous.	
16a ₂		4		10 (P)	--	--	10 (P)	2.00	1.62	0.154	0.161		

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Table 1. Continued

Sample No.	Roof Coating/Foam Description System	Age (yr)	Foam Density (pcf) and Quality	Coating Thickness (mils) ^b				Foam Thickness (in.)		Thermal Conductivity (Btu/hr-ft ² -°f/in.)		Comments
				First Coat	Second Coat	Third Coat	Total	Roof (Avg)	Sample	Individual Sample	Average	
17	Gaco A-5400 acrylic/ Foam Systems FSC 26 Foam	5	2.0/good, uniform cell structure. Foam dry	15 (P)	--	--	15 (P)	1.5	1.06	0.173		Coating in good condition.
Samples from U.S. Naval Station, Guam, M.I.												
18	Uniflex Aluminum/CPR Upjohn 425 foam	5	2.0/fair cell structure and uniformity	5 (P)	--	--	5 (P)	1.25	0.66	0.195		Badly deteriorated coating - some patching.
19	Dow Corning w/granules over Witco Foam over TT-P-19/PPG Foam	4-1/3	2.0/3.0; 50% fair cell structure, the rest composed of large open areas from 1/8" to 1" across	12 (P)	--	--	12 (P)	1.00	0.56	0.259		PPG Foam not run sample too small. TT-P-19 PPG Foam surface degraded. Values are for Witco foam layer.
20a ₁	Gaco Neoprene-Hypalon over unknown existing coating/CPR 425 foam	10	2.0/good, uniform cell structure.	--	--	--	--	2.0	1.40	0.185		Foam may have been uncoated for some time before Neoprene-Hypalon applied.
20a ₂		10	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	--	--	--	--	1.75	1.25	0.192		
Samples from NCEL, Port Hueneme, California												
21a ₁	Iratane 300/394 Urethane/CPR Upjohn 485-2.0	4-3/4	2.0/good, uniform cell structure.	10 (P)	10 (P)	--	20 (P)	2.25	1.58	0.130		Coating is chalking to point where base coat starting to show. Coating flexible and in condition otherwise.
21a ₂		4-3/4	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	10 (P)	10 (P)	--	20 (P)	2.25	1.58	0.140		
21b	Iratane 300/394 Urethane/CPR Upjohn 485-3.0	4-3/4	3.0/good, uniform cell structure	6 (P)	6 (P)	--	12 (P)	2.50	1.76	0.134		Same as Sample 21a ₂
21c	Iratane 300/157 Urethane/Hypalon CPR Upjohn 485-2.0	4-3/4	2.0/good, uniform cell structure	5 (P)	4 (I)	--	9 (I)	2.00	1.17	0.144		Topcoat chalking heavily with pin holes to base coat. Coating flexible in good condition.
21d	Iratane 300/157 Urethane/Hypalon CPR Upjohn 485-3.0	4-3/4	3.0/good, uniform cell structure	8 (P)	6 (I)	--	14 (I)	2.25	1.35	0.144		Very rough foam surface. Coating same as Sample 22a.

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Table 1. Continued

Sample No.	Roof Coating/Foam Description System	Age (yr)	Foam Density (pcf) and Quality	Coating Thickness (mils) ^b				Foam Thickness (in.)		Thermal Conductivity (Btu/hr-ft ² -°f/in.)		Comments
				First Coat	Second Coat	Third Coat	Total	Roof (Avg)	Sample	Individual Sample	Average	
22a ₁	Monolar Mastic Hypalon/CPR Upjohn 485-2.5	7	2.5/good, uniform cell structure.	14 (I)	--	--	14 (I)	2.00	1.33	0.140	0.142	Very rough surface. Coating eroded, exposing foam in some cases. Coating flexible and in good condition otherwise.
22a ₂		7	2.5/good, uniform cell structure	14 (I)	--	--	14 (I)	2.00	1.27	0.145		
22b	Monolar Mastic Hypalon/CPR Upjohn 485-2.5	7	2.5/good, uniform cell structure.	11 (I)	--	--	11 (I)	2.00	1.22	0.148		Same as Sample 23a
23a ₁	Diathon Acrylic/CPR Upjohn 485-2.5	7-1/4	2.5/good, uniform cell structure	25 (P)	--	--	25 (P)	1.25	0.79	0.180	0.188	Very rough foam surface. Coating eroded, exposing foam in some cases. Coating moderately flexible and in only fair condition.
23a ₂		7-1/4	2.5/good, uniform cell structure	25 (P)	--	--	25 (P)	1.25	0.58	0.196		
23b ₁	Diathon Acrylic/CPR Upjohn 485-2.5	7-1/4	2.5/good, uniform cell structure	20 (P)	--	--	20 (P)	1.75	1.04	0.199	0.183	Coating condition same as Sample 24a. Some liquid water observed in foam.
23b ₂		7-1/4	2.5/good, uniform cell structure	20 (P)	--	--	20 (P)	1.75	0.81	0.167		
24a ₁	United Coatings Butyl-Hypalon/CPR Upjohn 485-2.5	7-1/6	2.5/good, uniform cell structure	29 (I)	15 (I)	--	44 (I)	1.50	1.02	0.181	0.182	Coating exhibiting heavy chalking. Topcoating eroding, exposing base coat. Coating flexible and in good condition.
24a ₂		7-1/6	2.5/good, uniform cell structure	29 (I)	15 (I)	--	44 (I)	1.50	0.93	0.184		
24b	United Coatings Butyl-Hypalon/CPR Upjohn 485-2.5	7-1/6	2.5/good, uniform cell structure	15 (I)	9 (I)	--	24 (I)	2.25	1.66	0.165		Same as Sample 25a.
25a	General Electric Silicone with Granules/CPR Upjohn 485-2.5	7	2.5/good, uniform cell structure	7.5 (P)	7.5 (P)	--	15.0 (P)	1.75	1.48	0.164		Coating does not present any obvious indication of wearing out, still flexible and in good condition.
25b	General Electric Silicone with Granules/CPR Upjohn 485-2.5	7	2.5/good, uniform cell structure	11 (P)	11 (P)	--	22 (P)	1.75	1.39	0.146		Same as Sample 25a.

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Table 1. Continued

Sample No.	Roof Coating/Foam Description System	Age (yr)	Foam Density (pcf) and Quality	Coating Thickness (mils) ^b				Foam Thickness (in.)		Thermal Conductivity (Btu/hr-ft ² -°F/in.)		Comments
				First Coat	Second Coat	Third Coat	Total	Roof (Avg)	Sample	Individual Sample	Average	
25c	General Electric Silicone w/o Granules/CPR Upjohn 485-2.5	7	2.5/good, uniform cell structure	9.5 (P)	9.5 (P)	--	19.0 (P)	2.00	1.65	0.157		Same as Sample 25a except that dirt is more obvious.
25d	General Electric Silicone w/o Granules/CPR Upjohn 485-2.5	7	2.5/good, uniform cell structure	7.5 (P)	7.5 (P)	--	15.0 (P)	2.00	1.53	0.140		Same as Sample 25a.
26a	Gaco H-118 Neoprene + H-10 Hypalon/CPR Upjohn 485-2.5	7	2.5/good, uniform cell structure	8 (I)	8 (I)	--	16 (I)	1.50	1.37	0.137		Heavy chalking of top coat; base coat showing through. Overall coating is flexible and in good condition.
26b ₁	Gaco H-118 Neoprene + H-10 Hypalon/CPR Upjohn 485-2.5	7	2.5/good, uniform cell structure	10 (I)	8 (I)	--	18 (I)	1.50	0.90	0.162	0.167	Same as Sample 26a, except that topcoat is cratered.
26b ₂		7	2.5/good, uniform cell structure	10 (I)	8 (I)	--	18 (I)	1.50	0.56	0.172		
27a	Rapid Roof with Granules/CPR Upjohn 480-2.5	1-1/4	2.5/good, uniform cell structure	25 (P)	30 (P)	--	55 (P)	2.25	2.08	0.111		Coating in good condition.
27b	Rapid Roof with Granules/CPR Upjohn 480-2.5	1-1/4	2.5/good, uniform cell structure	28 (P)	29 (P)	--	57 (P)	2.00	1.74	0.129		Coating in good condition.
28a	Rooflex 155/CPR Upjohn 485-2.5	4-5/6	2.5/good, uniform cell structure. Foam surface sunburnt	36 (P)	-- (P)	--	36 (P)	2.00	1.89	0.155		Coating cratered, flexible, and in good condition. Foam surface sunburnt.
28b	Rooflex 155/CPR Upjohn 485-2.5	4-5/6	2.5/good, uniform cell structure	30 (P)	-- (P)	--	30 (P)	2.00	1.88	0.136		Coating cratered, breaks easily. Some areas worn through to foam; fair condition.

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Table 1. Continued

Sample No.	Roof Coating/Foam Description System	Age (yr)	Foam Density (pcf) and Quality	Coating Thickness (mils) ^b				Foam Thickness (in.)		Thermal Conductivity (Btu/hr-ft ² -°F/in.)		Comments
				First Coat	Second Coat	Third Coat	Total	Roof (Avg)	Sample	Individual Sample	Average	
29a ₁	Foam Systems Acrylflex/ FSC-26-3.0	1-1/4	3.0/good, uniform cell structure	16 (P)	10 (P)	--	26 (P)	1.50	0.82	0.157	0.160	Coating, although maintaining some flexibility, is almost brittle; breaks easily; fair condition.
29a ₂		1-1/4	3.0/good, uniform cell structure	16 (P)	10 (P)	--	26 (P)	1.50	0.70	0.162		

^aThe number refers to a building (roof) or panel where a sample was taken, the letter following the number refers to sample taken from a different area.

Numbers (if any) refer to the specimens cut out of the sample when more than one specimen was cut and tested from a given sample.

^bP = permeable; I = impermeable.

^cSample numbers for Samples 1 through 5 are the same as those given systems in Reference 1.

Table 2. Average k-Values and Ages of PUF Samples

Area	PUF With Permeable Coatings			PUF With Impermeable Coatings			Overall Averages		
	Average k-Value (Btu/hr-ft ² -°F/in.)	Average Age (yr)	Number of Samples	Average k-Value (Btu/hr-ft ² -°F/in.)	Average Age (yr)	Number of Samples	k-Value (Btu/hr-ft ² -°F/in.)	Age (yr)	Number of Samples
Alaska	0.170 ± 0.010	5.0	8	0.146 ± 0.008	5.0	8	0.158 ± 0.015	5.0	16
Denver	0.191 ± 0.012	7.1 ± 2.4	5	0.180 ± 0.016	10.1 ± 0.5	2	0.188 ± 0.013	8.0 ± 2.8	7
San Francisco Bay	0.175 ± 0.013	5.2 ± 1.0	6	---	---	---	0.175 ± 0.013	5.2 ± 1.09	6
Guam	0.195	---	1	---	---	---	0.191 ± 0.005	8.3 ± 2.9	3 ^a
NCEL	0.153 ± 0.024	5.0 ± 2.4	11	0.156 ± 0.017	6.6 ± 0.9	11	0.154 ± 0.021	5.7 ± 2.1	28
Total	0.164 ± 0.023	5.8 ± 3.4	37	0.156 ± 0.017	7.1 ± 1.0	21	0.163 ± 0.022	5.8 ± 2.1	60 ^a

^aTotal averages include two samples of an unknown type of coating from Guam but do not include Sample 19, also from Guam

Table 3. Thermal Conductivity k-Values of NCEL Samples in Increasing Order

Sample Number	Coating Thickness (mils) ^a	Coating ^b	Foam Density (pcf)	Foam Thickness (in.)		Thermal Conductivity		Roof age (yrs)
				Roof (avg)	Sample	Individual	Average	
27a	25/30:55	P	2.5	2.25	2.08	0.111	0.135	1-1/4
27b	28/29:57	P	2.5	2.00	1.74	0.129		1-1/4
21b	6/6:12	P	2.0	2.50	1.76	0.134		4-3/4
21a ₁ 21a ₂	10/10:20	P	2.0	2.25 2.25	1.58 1.58	0.130 0.140		4-3/4
28b	30:30	P	2.5	2.00	1.88	0.136	0.1425	4-5/6
26a	8/8:16	I	2.5	1.50	1.37	0.137		7
25d	7.5/7.5:15	P	2.5	2.00	1.53	0.140		7
22a ₁ 22a ₂	14:14	I	2.5	2.00 2.00	1.33 1.27	0.140 0.145		7
21d	8/6:14	P/I	2.0	2.25	1.35	0.144	0.146	4-3/4
21c	5/4:9	P/I	2.0	2.00	1.17	0.144		4-3/4
25b	11/11:22	P	2.5	1.75	1.39	0.146		7
22b	11:11	I	2.5	2.00	1.22	0.148		7
28a	36:36	P	2.5	2.00	1.89	0.155	0.1595	4-5/6
25c	9.5/9.5:19	P	2.5	2.00	1.65	0.157		7
29a ₁ 29a ₂	16/10:26	P	3.0	1.50 1.50	0.82 0.70	0.157 0.162		1-1/4
25a	7.5/7.5:15	P	2.5	1.75	1.48	0.164		7
24b	15/9:24	I	2.5	2.25	1.66	0.165	0.167	7-1/4
26b ₁ 26b ₂	10/8:18	I	2.5	1.50 1.50	0.90 0.56	0.162 0.172		7-1/4
24a ₁ 24a ₂	29/15:44	I	2.5	1.50 1.50	1.02 0.93	0.181 0.184		7-1/4
23b ₁ 23b ₂	20:20	P	2.5	1.75 1.75	1.04 0.81	0.199 0.167		7-1/4
23a ₁ 23a ₂	25:25	P	2.5	1.25 1.25	0.79 0.58	0.180 0.196	0.188	7-1/4

^a First coat/second coat:total

^b P = permeable; I = impermeable

Table 4. k-Values for a 2.2 pcf PUF

Age of Samples (yr)	Predicted ^a k-Value for Following Foam Thicknesses	
	1 in.	2 in.
5	0.158	0.148
7	0.165	0.150
10	0.175	0.154

^aFrom Reference 6. Samples are 12 x 12 x 1 or 2 inches, aged at 25°C (77°F), under controlled atmospheric conditions with all sides exposed.

Table 5. Actual Average k-Values for NCEL Field-Aged PUF Samples

Coating Type	5-Year Old Sample		7-Year Old Samples	
	PUF Thickness (in.)	Average k-Value	PUF Thickness (in.)	Average k-Value
Permeable	2.20 ± 0.21	0.139 ± 0.010	1.69 ± 0.29	0.169 ± 0.022
	2.0 only	0.145 ± 0.013	2.0 only	0.148 ± 0.012
Impermeable	2.12 ± 0.18	0.144	1.75 ± 0.31	0.159 ± 0.018
	2.0 only	0.144	2.0 only	0.144 ± 0.004
Overall	2.18 ± 0.010	0.140 ± 0.008	1.72 ± 0.29	0.164 ± 0.020
	2.0 only	0.145 ± 0.010	2.0 only	0.146 ± 0.007

Table 6. k-Values of all Samples in Increasing Order

Area ^a	Sample Number	Coating Thickness ^b (mil)	Coating ^c	Foam Density (pcf)	Foam Thickness (in.)			Thermal Conductivity		Roof (age) (yr)
					Roof (avg)	k- Sample	Individual	Average		
N	27a	25/30/-:55	P	2.5	2.25	2.08	0.111			1-1/4
N	27b	28/29/-:57	P	2.5	2.00	1.74	0.129			1-1/4
N	21b	6/6/-:12	P	2.0	2.50	1.76	0.134			4-3/4
N	21a ₁	10/10/-:20	P	2.0	2.25	1.58	0.130			4-3/4
N	21a ₂	10/10/-:20	P	2.0	2.25	1.58	0.140		0.135	4-3/4
N	28b	30/-/-:30	P	2.5	2.00	1.88	0.136			4-5/6
N	26a	8/8:16	I	2.5	1.50	1.37	0.137			7
C	4b ₁	20/10/15:45	I/P/P	2.0	2.25	1.50	0.143			5
C	4b ₂	20/10/15:45	I/P/P	2.0	2.25	1.48	0.135		0.139	5
N	25d	7.5/7.5:15	P	2.5	2.00	1.53	0.140			7
C	5a ₁	5/10/-:15	I/P	2.0	2.25	1.51	0.144			5
C	5a ₂	5/10/-:15	I/P	2.0	2.25	1.48	0.137		0.1405	5
N	22a ₁	14/-/-:14	I	2.5	2.00	1.33	0.140			7
N	22a ₂	14/-/-:14	I	2.5	2.00	1.27	0.145		0.1425	7
N	21d	8/6/-:14	P/I	2.0	2.25	1.35	0.144			4-3/4
N	21c	5/4/-:9	P/I	2.0	2.00	1.17	0.144			4-3/4
N	25b	11/11/-:22	P	2.5	1.75	1.39	0.146			7
C	4a ₁	15/20/20:55	I/P/P	2.0	2.00	1.37	0.148			5
C	4a ₂	15/20/20:55	I/P/P	2.0	2.00	1.37	0.146		0.147	5
N	22b	11/-/-:11	I	2.5	2.00	1.22	0.148			7
N	28a	36/-/-:36	P	2.5	2.00	1.89	0.155			4-5/6
C	1b ₁	15/5/-:55	P	2.0	2.00	1.37	0.156			5
C	1b ₂	15/5/-:55	P	2.0	2.00	1.35	0.156		0.156	5
N	25c	9.5/9.5/-:19	P	2.5	2.00	1.65	0.157			7
C	3a ₁	10/5/-:15	I/P	2.0	2.25	1.42	0.160			5
C	3a ₂	10/5/-:15	I/P	2.0	2.25	1.58	0.155		0.1575	5
N	29a ₁	16/10/-:26	P	3.0	1.50	0.82	0.157			1-1/4
N	29a ₂	16/10/-:26	P	3.0	1.50	0.70	0.162		0.1595	1-1/4

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Table 6. Continued

Area ^a	Sample Number	Coating Thickness (mil)	Coating ^c	Foam Density (pcf)	Foam Thickness (in.)		Thermal Conductivity		Roof (age) (yr)
					Roof (avg)	k-Sample	Individual	Average	
C	16a ₁	10/-/-:26	P	2.0	2.00	1.37	0.168	0.161	4
C	16a ₂	10/-/-:26	P	2.0	2.00	1.62	0.154		4
N	25a	7.5/7.5/-:15	P	2.5	1.75	1.48	0.164		7
N	24b	15/9/-:24	I	2.5	2.25	1.66	0.165		7-1/6
N	26b ₁	10/8/-:18	I	2.5	1.50	0.90	0.162		7
N	26b ₂	10/8/-:18	I	2.5	1.50	0.56	0.172	0.167	7
D	9	2/5/-:7	I	2.0	1.50	1.15	0.169		9-3/4
D	8	15/-/-:7	P	2.0	2.00	1.57	0.170		9-3/4
C	2a ₁	7/-/-:7	P	2.0	1.75	1.09	0.175		5
C	2a ₂	7/-/-:7	P	2.0	1.75	1.09	0.169	0.172	5
S	17	15/-/-:15	P	2.0	1.50	1.06	0.173		5
C	2b ₁	10/10/-:20	P	2.0	2.25	1.57	0.180		5
C	2b ₂	10/10/-:20	P	2.0	2.25	1.58	0.171	0.1755	5
C	1a ₁	10/10/-:20	P	2.0	2.00	1.32	0.181		5
C	1a ₂	10/10/-:20	P	2.0	2.00	1.46	0.175	0.178	5
S	14	15/-/-:15	P	(?)	1.25	0.65	0.182		6
N	24a ₁	29/15/-:44	I	2.5	1.50	1.02	0.181		7-1/6
N	24a ₂	29/15/-:44	I	2.5	1.50	0.93	0.184	0.1825	7-1/6
N	23b ₁	20/-/-:20	P	2.5	1.75	1.04	0.199		7-1/4
N	23b ₂	20/-/-:20	P	2.5	1.75	0.81	0.167	0.183	7-1/4
S	13	15/-/-:15	P	(?)	1.25	0.77	0.186		6
N	23a ₁	25/-/-:25	P	2.5	1.25	0.79	0.180		7-1/4
N	23a ₂	25/-/-:25	P	2.5	1.25	0.58	0.196	0.188	7-1/4
G	20a ₁	-/-/-:-	P	2.0	2.00	1.40	0.185		10
G	20a ₂	-/-/-:-	P	2.0	1.75	1.25	0.192	0.1885	10
S	15	-/-/-:-	P	(?)	1.75	1.26	0.189		6
D	10	10/10/-:20	P	2.0	2.00	1.54	0.189		4-1/3

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Table 6. Continued

Area ^a	Sample Number	Coating Thickness (mil) ^b	Coating ^c	Foam Density (pcf)	Foam Thickness (in.)		Thermal Conductivity		Roof (age) (yr)
					Roof (avg)	k-Sample	Individual	Average	
C	16a ₁	10/-/-:26	P	2.0	2.00	1.37	0.168	0.161	4
C	16a ₂	10/-/-:26	P	2.0	2.00	1.62	0.154		4
N	25a	7-5/7-5/-:15	P	2.5	1.75	1.48	0.164		7
N	24b	15/9/-:24	I	2.5	2.25	1.66	0.165		7-1/6
N	26b ₁	10/8/-:18	I	2.5	1.50	0.90	0.162		7
N	26b ₂	10/8/-:18	I	2.5	1.50	0.56	0.172	0.167	7
D	9	2/5/-:7	I	2.0	1.50	1.15	0.169		9-3/4
D	8	15/-/-:7	P	2.0	2.00	1.57	0.170		9-3/4
C	2a ₁	7/-/-:7	P	2.0	1.75	1.09	0.175		5
C	2a ₂	7/-/-:7	P	2.0	1.75	1.09	0.169	0.172	5
S	17	15/-/-:15	P	2.0	1.50	1.06	0.173		5
C	2b ₁	10/10/-:20	P	2.0	2.25	1.57	0.180		5
C	2b ₂	10/10/-:20	P	2.0	2.25	1.58	0.171	0.1755	5
C	1a ₁	10/10/-:20	P	2.0	2.00	1.32	0.181		5
C	1a ₂	10/10/-:20	P	2.0	2.00	1.46	0.175	0.178	5
S	14	15/-/-:15	P	(?)	1.25	0.65	0.182		6
N	24a ₁	29/15:44	I	2.5	1.50	1.02	0.181		7-1/6
N	24a ₂	29/15:44	I	2.5	1.50	0.93	0.184	0.1825	7-1/6
N	23b ₁	20/-/-:20	P	2.5	1.75	1.04	0.199		7-1/4
N	23b ₂	20/-/-:20	P	2.5	1.75	0.81	0.167	0.183	7-1/4
S	13	15/-/-:15	P	(?)	1.25	0.77	0.186		6
N	23a ₁	25/-/-:25	P	2.5	1.25	0.79	0.180		7-1/4
N	23a ₂	25/-/-:25	P	2.5	1.25	0.58	0.196	0.188	7-1/4
G	20a ₁	-/-/-:-	P	2.0	2.00	1.40	0.185		10
G	20a ₂	-/-/-:-	P	2.0	1.75	1.25	0.192	0.1885	10
S	15	-/-/-:-	P	(?)	1.75	1.26	0.189		6
D	10	10/10/-:20	P	2.0	2.00	1.54	0.189		4-1/3

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Table 6. Continued

Area ^a	Sample Number	Coating Thickness (mil)	Coating ^c	Foam Density (pcf)	Foam Thickness (in.)		Thermal Conductivity		Roof (age) (yr)
					Roof (avg)	k-Sample	Individual	Average	
D	7	3/-/-:3	I	2.0	1.50	1.08	0.191		10-1/2
D	12	10/10/-:20	P	2.0	2.00	1.67	0.194		6-1/2
G	18	5/-/-:5	P	2.0	1.25	0.66	0.195		5
D	11	150/20/5:175	P	2.0	2.00	1.56	0.198		4-1/3
D	6	12/-/-:12	P	2.0	1.50	1.12	0.202		10-1/2
G	19	12/-/-:12	P	2.0/3.0	1.00	0.56	0.259		4-1/3

^aM = MCEL, Port Hueneme, C = Clifton, S = Subic Bay; D = Denver; G = Guam

^bFirst coat/second coat/third coat: total - Dashes indicate further coatings were not used

^cP = permeable; I = impermeable

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 Point Mugu CA; AROICC, Quantico, VA; Colts Neck, NJ; Dir, Eng. Div., Exmouth, Australia; Eng Div
 dir, Southwest Pac, Manila, PI; NAS, Jacksonville, FL; OICC, Southwest Pac, Manila, PI; OICC-ROICC,
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 NAVPETOFF Code 30, Alexandria VA
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 Lejeune, NC; SCE Newport RI; PWO Portsmouth, VA
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 Beach CA; Code 202.5 (Library) Puget Sound, Bremerton WA; Code 380, Portsmouth, VA; Code 382.3,
 Pearl Harbor, HI; Code 400, Puget Sound; Code 440 Portsmouth NH; Code 440, Norfolk; Code 440, Puget
 Sound, Bremerton WA; Code 453 (Util. Supr), Vallejo CA; Commander, Philadelphia, PA; L.D. Vivian;
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